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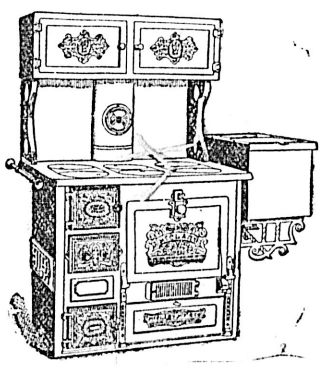

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THE Daughters of England will give a social and dance on January 1st, in the large hall of the A.O.U.W.; the Hon. Col. Prior will officiate as Chairman; the Wolff orchestra will be in attendance. Refreshments provided. d27

THE Valhalla Society will give a masquerade ball on New Year's Eve, in Oliver's hall, Broad street; prizes will be given to the best dressed gentleman and the best dressed comic lady. Admission, ladies 75c.; gents 50c.

$1.50 buys 100 lbs. corn. Corn is the feed to make your hens lay, being cheaper and warmer than wheat; free delivery. Sylvester Feed Co. Ltd., City Market.

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DON'T forget the farewell Leapyear social dance on New Year's Eve in the A.O.U.W Hall; an excellent supper will be provided; Fifth Regiment orchestra by permission of Lieut.-Col. Gregory and officers will supply the music. Tickets 50c. each. de27

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Santa Claus will give everyone a brick containing a prize.

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INTERVENTION IN CUBA

European Opposition by No Means Unlikely to Any Action by the United States.

Spain Favored by the Pope—The Siberian Railway—Bubonic Plague in Bombay.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Paris correspondent of the Times this morning renews his surmises regarding opposition by the European powers to intervention by the United States in Cuba. He says: "The Austrian court and government have long been uneasy over the attitude of American jingoism towards Spain, and such uneasiness has long been the subject of diplomatic talks. The queen regent of Spain is one of the most beloved princesses of the Austrian house. The love and respect she has won from the Spaniards have strengthened the affections reserved for her own family and there will be no hesitation in demonstrating the fact whenever it comes to a question of defending the interests of a country whose honor she protects with unmixed enthusiasm, and which has become as dear to her as if she had been born on its soil." The Times Paris despatch further reports that Le Temps remarks upon the Cuban situation that military successes and the attitude of the United States should facilitate concessions by Spain.

"It would be factless," adds Le Temps, "to spoil the situation by explicitly suggesting to the Madrid cabinet steps apparently dictated by their own interests and the glory of the country. It would be more opportune to use towards Washington discreetly, in behalf of the whole of Europe, language calculated to confirm President Cleveland and Mr. Olney's good intentions and to give valuable hints to Mr. McKinley and his Secretary of State."

The Chronicle suggests that M. de Blowitz' unfounded statements of Saturday that the government had made representations to Washington protesting against intervention in Cuba, may have originated in one of the periodical perturbations of the German Emperor concerning the affairs of the world, "which," says the Chronicle, "failing a better governance he takes under his care. We believe that the French foreign office has been sounded in regard to Cuba in an anti-American sense, but anything like concerted action on such a subject is out of the question."

The Chronicle has a Rome despatch which says: "Spain has questioned England, France and Italy as to their attitude in the event of war between Spain and the United States. France and England replied indefinitely that everything depends on the course of events. Italy offers to assist in producing an amicable arrangement, without promising to support Spain against the United States. The Vatican absolutely favors the Spanish cause. King Alfonzo has written a Christmas autograph letter to the Pope, asking for his prayers for the success of the Spanish arms."

The bubonic plague is increasing in Bombay. There have been 2,094 cases and 1,494 deaths from that cause up to this date. The exodus from the city of Bombay continues, and the newspapers threaten the natives with martial law unless they conform to sanitary regulations.

It is announced to-day that the Turkish budget estimates for 1897 show that the assets exceed the expenditures by £82,000 Turkish. This result has been brought about by reducing the war estimates £1,000,000 Turkish, by making economies in other departments and by an increase in tithes.

The constructor of the Siberian railway undertakes to build a line through Manchuria, starting from a point on the river where the Siberian road joins the trans-Baikal line, and terminating at Nikolskaya, south of the Ussuwa line. Of this proposed new line 1,425 out of a total of 10,920 versts are in Chinese territory. The Russian ministerial press points out that this line will make Russia the intermediary of peaceful civilization between Europe and Asia.

M. Helanzier Dufresne, formerly director of the Paris opera, is dead. He was an officer of the Legion of Honor.

MAYORALTY NOMINATIONS.

Candidates Nominated in Toronto, Hamilton and Other Ontario Cities.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Mayoralty nominations in Ontario for municipal offices took place to-day in this city. The candidates for mayor are Messrs. G. A. McDonald, Fleming and McMurrich. The mayoralty candidates in other cities are: Belleville, Ald. J. W. Johnston; Kingston, J. J. Behen J. Skinner; London, J. Title and John McParson; Hamilton, Mayor Tuckett and Ald. Colquhoun; Guelph, James Hewer, R. E. Nelson, T. B. Coffee and N. B. Colver; St. Thomas, Ald. E. Wright and S. Chant.

OPPOSED TO COERCION.

The Czar Not in Favor of Active Measures Against Turkey.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from St. Petersburg says: "M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador to Constantinople, while here, warmly advocated the military occupation of Constantinople. The Council was convened to discuss this project. The majority of the ministers opposed M. Nelidoff's scheme, whereupon the Czar announced that he also was opposed to active coercion."

Weiler Bros. wish their patrons and friend the compliments of the season. x

VENGEANCE PERSONIFIED.

Madame Stambuloff Denounces and Demands the Punishment of Her Husband's Murderers.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 27.—Mme. Stambouloff, widow of the murdered ex-premier of Bulgaria, whose alleged assassins are on trial here before the mixed tribunal, when the proceedings commenced declined to attend, but in response to repeated requests was present at the sitting of the court yesterday, dressed in the deepest mourning, a long black veil concealing her features.

When her name was called, amid profound silence the widow rose and, shaking with passionate emotion, said: "You have insisted upon my presence. I am here. I have nothing to say, because I do not see arraigned before your honorable court those who are known to be the real assassins of my late husband. You know them Mr. President, and you too Mr. Prosecutor-General. Is it not so? You know them, and all the world does. Where are they? I don't see them here." Then with a gesture full of fire and indignation, the unfortunate lady exclaimed, pointing to the alleged murderers of her husband: "Acquit those miserable people. Summon before you the really guilty men, who are at present the government. I have nothing to add; I will now withdraw."

These utterances of the widow of the great statesman, known as the Bismarck of Bulgaria, who was literally hacked and shot in the streets of this city on July 15, 1895, and who died on July 18 after his hands had been amputated, caused the deepest impression upon the audience, which was composed of people belong to the higher rank of society. The presiding judge, prosecutor-general, public prosecutor, or counsel for the defence, were so dumbfounded and unnerved by the terrible earnestness of the black-clad female figure, who so forcibly denounced the methods employed in seemingly punishing the murderers of her husband, that they were unable to put a single question to her.

She left the court room a living picture of grief, demanding vengeance from a tribunal from which she knew too well but little or nothing was to be expected. The tragic address of Mme. Stambuloff was a matter of general comment in the government newspapers to-day. But the keynote of their remarks, taken from the leading organ of Prince Ferdinand, is that the wife and friends of Stambuloff ought to have taken measures for his protection, who, the government papers add, "labored under mental derangement, or was so convinced of his own misdeeds that he sought death in the streets."

SERIOUS RIOT.

A Mob Endeavors to Stop Work on the Erie Canal.

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Dec. 28.—A serious riot occurred at the aqueduct, four miles from this city, on the Erie canal, this afternoon, where three hundred Italians are employed. A body of one hundred and fifty men from this city marched down with guns, knives, clubs, pickaxes, etc., carrying a red flag and compelled the men working to quit. The sheriff and a large force of deputies quelled the riot and arrested the ringleaders. Early this morning the mob attempted to burn a shanty where fifty workmen slept. The city is full of angry Italians and serious trouble is expected. Small pay and excessive prices for food are the causes of the trouble.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

An American Citizen's Punishment for Alleged Conspiracy Against the Spanish Government.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Julio Sanguilly, the American citizen who was arrested in 1895, charged with conspiring against the government, and who was sentenced by court-martial to life imprisonment, appealed and obtained a civil trial which has been going on for some time past. To-day he was formally sentenced to imprisonment for life, to pay half the expenses of the trial, and was subsequently declared insolvent. Sanguilly's lawyer has entered an appeal to the Supreme Tribunal of Abrogation on the ground of errors in the evidence, in the proceedings and on the law bearing on the prisoner's case.

MINING EXPLOSION.

Nine Men Instantly Killed and Four Wounded.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 28.—A terrible explosion of fire damp occurred in the mine of the Maule Coal Company, this city, at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and as a result nine or more were instantly killed and four were injured. One of the four men taken out alive is dangerously injured. Besides the dead bodies recovered so far, five or six others, names unknown, are dead in the mine.

BACK FROM KOOTENAY.

Return of Another Torontonian Who Is Jubilant Over the Prospects.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—(Special)—George H. Suckling, of this city, has just returned from spending six months in the Kootenay country and other mining districts of British Columbia. He says he estimates that the output of Kootenay alone will for the next five years average $50,000,000, or more than the annual revenue of the Dominion government.

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HER MAJESTY'S HEALTH

No Appearance Whatever of Infirmity—Postal Union Convention at Washington.

Death of Ex-Commissioner of Customs Johnson—The Buildings at Bisley.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Sir James Grant, who visited the Queen at Balmoral four weeks ago, ridicules the statements in the New York papers respecting Her Majesty's disability. He says there is no appearance whatever of infirmity, and he thinks she is good for some years to wield the sceptre of the empire.

It is reported that Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster-General, and his deputy, Colonel White, will be the Canadian delegates to the International Postal Union convention to be held in Washington next summer.

James Johnson, formerly commissioner of customs, died at San Francisco yesterday. He was a New Brunswicker by birth.

Nearly all the plans for the Bisley building show structures of a more pretentious character than the committee intended, and it is questionable whether any one set can be carried out for the amount fixed by the association, viz., $7,500.

BLAIR ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Minister Highly Delighted With the Prospects and People of British Columbia.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair, Colonel Domville and party reached here to-day, en route home. Mr. Blair is enthusiastic over the mining prospects of British Columbia, and said that he had found the people throughout the West most hopeful.

The Brandon Times newspaper has been purchased by E. L. Christie, the Sun, of Brandon, has also changed hands.

James A. Smart and family left Brandon this morning for Brockville. He will at once assume an important position under the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

Mrs. Gooderich, wife of E. J. Gooderich of Headingly, died at the general hospital on Saturday from the effects of a fall into a cellar.

The current rumors to the effect that the Sultana mine at Rat Portage had been sold for $1,500,000 are premature. No deal has yet been consummated.

The Victoria Hockey team of Montreal had their first practice for the championship here this morning, and impressed the onlookers favorably by their work. Odds of 4 to 1 are asked by those wishing to back the Eastern men. There are no takers at that figure, but lots of money is offered on an even bet.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Sudden Death.

COLBORN, Dec. 28.—A. Chapin, for many years a cabinet manufacturer and undertaker here, died here suddenly today, in his seventieth year.

Candidate for South Brant.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of Conservative delegates held on Saturday night Robert Henry, the late member, was unanimously re-nominated for South Brant in the House of Commons

Conservative Election Confirmed.

COBURG, Dec. 28.—The West Durham election trial opened here to-day before Judges Ferguson and Robertson. No evidence was offered and the petition was withdrawn, each party paying their own costs. This sustains Mr. Craig, Conservative, in his seat.

Burned to Death.

HAMILTON, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Astle, wife of Samuel Astle, about 55 years of age, was burned to death to-night. She was alone in the house, and when her daughter returned she found the woman lying at the foot of the stairs with a broken lamp by her side. She was burned almost past recognition. Mr. Aston is at present at Port Huron, Mich.

Well Known Shipowner Dead.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—William Rae, of the firm of Allan, Rae & Co., Quebec, died suddenly at the residence of Hugh Allan last night.

Dry Goods Assignment.

BARRIE, Dec. 28.—J. A. McIntosh & Co., dry goods, have assigned.

He Hanged Himself.

ESSEX, Dec. 28.—J. F. Burton, manager of the Royal hotel, has committed suicide by hanging.

Retired From the Mayoralty Contest.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—E. A. McDonald has retired from the mayoralty contest.

SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

Messrs. Laurier and Greenway Expected to Make Deliverances in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Over five hundred tickets have been disposed of for the Laurier banquet at the Windsor hotel. It is said the Premier's address will dwell chiefly on the tariff and the Manitoba school settlement, and it is likewise held that Mr. Greenway will say something important.

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COLONIAL DEFENCE.

Interesting Explanations by the Duke of Devonshire—Sea Supremacy the Basis.

The British Empire League—A Channel of Communication Between All Englishmen.

At the meeting of the British Empire League held in the Mansion House, London, on the 3rd inst., at which a number of distinguished representatives of the Colonies, among them Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. R. R. Dobell, were present, the Duke of Devonshire, president of the league, said in the course of a most important speech:

"I have found with very great satisfaction on my return to office, after an absence from official life of a good many years, the large progress which has been made in the consideration of the great question of Imperial defence. A body is now in existence—has been for many years in existence—called the Colonial Defence Committee, composed of representatives of the Admiralty and War Office and the Colonial Office. That body has made a complete study of the questions of colonial defence, as it affects every colony of the British Empire. It has studied the question from the point of view of each colony; and every colony, whether it be a crown colony or a self-governing colony, is now in possession of the views of Her Majesty's government as to the nature of the attack—the possible attack—to which any of them may be exposed, and as to the means of defence which it is possible to oppose to such attack. I am not only permitted, but I am asked, to make as public announcement as can be made of the principles upon which those plans are based, so that not only the public at home, but every one of our colonial fellow-subjects, may know how much it is that government are prepared to undertake in the defence of the colonies, and the duties which in their turn they think ought to be undertaken by the colonies themselves:

"The maintenance of sea supremacy has been assumed as the basis of the system of Imperial defence against attack from over the sea. This is the determining factor in shaping the whole defensive policy of the Empire, and is fully recognized by the Admiralty, who have accepted the responsibility of protecting all British territory abroad against organized invasion from the sea. To fulfil this great charge they claim the absolute power of disposing of their forces in the manner they consider most certain to secure success, and object to limit the action of any part of them to the immediate neighborhood of places which they consider may be more effectively protected by operations at a distance."

"It is recognized, however, that Her Majesty's ships, engaged in hunting out and destroying the squadrons of an enemy, may not be in a position to prevent the predatory raids of hostile cruisers on British ports. The strength of such an attack will vary in the different parts of the world, according to the strengths of possible hostile navies, the proximity of their bases and the troops that are or could easily be brought there in anticipation of war. It also varies from time to time with changing political combinations. But it is in the highest degree improbable that this raiding attack would be made by more than a few ships, nor could it be of any permanent effect unless troops could be landed. In no case could a greater force than a few thousand men be collected and conveyed without such arrangements and preparation as would bring the operations under the category of those which the navy has undertaken to prevent. Against a raid of the nature indicated, it has been considered necessary to make absolutely secure those places which are essential to the navy for coaling, refitting and repairing. Ports for this purpose have been selected by the Admiralty, and all Imperial resources in men and money available for use abroad have been concentrated on their defence.

"Apart from the harbors fortified by the navy, there are other ports which, though they do not enter into what may be called the general strategic scheme, are also liable, from their commercial importance, to predatory raids, and which required measures of defence for the protection of the special interests involved. The resources of places which, in the opinion of an enemy, would justify the very considerable risks which a raid on them would involve, are generally sufficient to admit of the provision of local defence by local means, and where the liability to attack and the resources to resist attack coexist, it has been held to be the duty of the colony to make provision for adequate defence. In dealing with places of this nature, the committee have advocated the creation of sufficient fixed defences to prevent their unmolested occupation by hostile cruisers, but more especially the provision of troops sufficient to deal effectually with such forces as an enemy must put on shore to enable him to secure any permanent advantage from his attack. Troops without works may defeat an enemy and frustrate his object. Works without troops are useless and delusive. I think that in these few paragraphs the principles of colonial defence have been stated with a clearness which leaves nothing to be desired.

The obligations which the Imperial government is prepared to undertake in the defence of her colonies as well as of herself, and those which the colonies are expected to undertake in their own defence, have been clearly defined, and now I trust that, these principles having been clearly stated, these mutual obligations being clearly understood, both by the Imperial government and the Colonial governments, when the time comes, as I trust it shortly will come, when another conference will be held—(hear, hear)—for the purpose of reconsidering, and, I trust, renewing the naval arrangement with the Australasian, and, I hope, with other colonies, the same opportunity will be taken of rediscussing the whole question of colonial defence. Now, therefore, that the principles have been clearly established and that the British people, at the instance of their government, have taken on themselves vast obligations in order to strengthen their fleet and to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities, not only to our own country, but also to the colonies, I trust that the colonies themselves, stimulated by the example which has been set by some, will not hesitate to do all that is necessary to discharge what I think is the very moderate share of those duties which it is proposed to impose upon them.

"It is for the discussion and consideration of, and for furnishing and providing knowledge and information upon, subjects such as these that the British Empire League has been founded and ventures to think it may be of some services. As at present constituted it does not undertake to frame constitutions or to elaborate commercial systems. Its more modest, but, I think, still useful aim is to furnish a channel of communication between Englishmen at home and Englishmen abroad—(cheers)—to discuss difficulties and, it may be, to remove misunderstandings which still stand in the way of a more complete Imperial unity; and I think that, if we can discharge this important though not ambitious object, the league will not have deserved badly of the citizens of London or of the inhabitants of this great country as a whole. (Cheers.) To lead the people of this country and of the colonies to a better understanding and knowledge of the various elements of the questions of commercial unity and of general defence—these are the objects which, in its present constitution, the league sets before you. (Loud cheers.)

EIGHT YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

Sentence of a Prominent Insurgent Leader in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—To-day the united tribunal, which judges the proceedings against Julio Sanguilla, a naturalized American citizen, charged with conspiracy against the Spanish government, met for the first time after an adjournment of the Christmas holidays. The judge decided that Sanguilla was guilty of modified qualifications of the crime of which he was accused and sentenced him to 8 years and 1 day imprisonment. The sentence will be published on Monday. Julio Sanguilla was arrested with thirty others, including members of well known families of Havana, and confined to Morro castle. An attempt was made to try him by court-martial, but through the efforts of Consul Williams his citizenship was established and he was given a civil trial. The prosecution attempted to prove that Sanguilla was the head of a local conspiracy and the chief resident instigator of the insurgent movement, and that he had been especially appointed by Jose Marti to assume command of the forces of Santa Clara, which were expected to rise against Spain.

THE STUBBORN SULTAN.

Nothing Will Convince But the Fleet of the Powers at the Golden Horn.

(From the Portland Oregonian.)

The story that the three great maritime powers would intervene jointly to coerce the Sultan and impose administrative reforms in Turkey has been told so often that it has lost interest. Probably it is true, since everybody seems to believe it but the Sultan himself. Apparently nothing will convince him but appearance of the three fleets in the Golden Horn. His attitude then will determine the dramatic and historical interest of the subsequent proceedings. If he shall be very humble and accept the proposed reforms without question or qualification, British policy may gain its point by prolonging his empire for another season. If he still shuffles, evades and resists, as Russia undoubtedly desires that he should, the end for which Russian policy has striven and waited for more than a century will come. That is, the Turkish empire in Europe will come to an end. It is probable that the powers have anticipated this contingency, and that even then there will be no general war.

Returning From Brazil.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Dominion government have decided to pay the expense of the nine adults and thirteen juveniles who emigrated to Brazil and who are now on their way to Liverpool by steamer, having been sent forward by the British consul in the hope that either the British government or the Dominion government would look after them. On reaching Liverpool they will be sent to Canada by the High Commissioner. The Canadian government hopes that the experience of these Canadians will be such as to prevent others from leaving their homes in the same way.

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de25 C. E. RENOUF.

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits,

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SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:—

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W. S. GORE,
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Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

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VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28—Detective Ince has returned a child to the lawful guardianship of its father, as the climax of an interesting case. J. Mercer, of Utah, was given charge of a daughter of his divorced wife by the courts. The mother of the child, however, stole her daughter away, going to Denver, San Francisco, Winnipeg, and finally Vancouver, where Detective Ince located her, and sent for the father, who arrived here and took back the child. Mr. Mescer is a wealthy Mormon.

Holds-up continue, and still there are no convictions. An attempt was made to hold up J. Bethune at the C.P.R. wharf about six o'clock on Saturday evening. Bethune successfully resisted.

A man named Hansen was held up on Westminster avenue and $15 and a watch taken from him. Dan Tait was held up on Water street and some change secured by the highwayman. Conductor James, of the tram company, was held up by highwaymen on Westminster bridge. His wife, who was with Mr. James, screamed and the robbers made off. These are a few of the cases reported to the police, but it is thought by the public that there are many other cases purposely kept quiet.

Perhaps the most daring robbery yet reported was perpetrated on Westminster avenue. A man walked into Woodward's drug store at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and robbed the till of some $25. The store was crowded at the time of the robbery.

Fourteen more prisoners are being brought from the Kamloops jail to Westminster jail by Provincial Police Sergeant Langley and Constable McMynn, owing to the overcrowded condition of the former jail.

The Municipal League held a largely attended meeting last night. Several aldermen were present, and municipal matters were discussed at length. The league named the following candidates for Ward 4: Ald. Brown, McDonald, C. L. Behnsen, J. Dickinson and J. Ellison. Two will be chosen from these on Monday next. Mr. Alexander, of the C.P.R. stores department, will stand for alderman in Ward 2.

The secretary of the Two Friends Mine, Limited, yesterday received from the superintendent a letter to the following effect: Work is progressing most favourably. Both stopes look well, the lower one showing an increase in the width of the ore. The vein is widening, development is going on rapidly, and the ore now being stoped, which will comprise the sixth carload, gives an average of 500 ounces of silver to the ton, a decided increase in value over former shipments.

The steamer Capilano arrived in port yesterday with the largest cargo of halibut ever brought to Vancouver, 132,000 pounds of fish, 110,000 pounds being caught in a single day.

Since August 21 work has been in progress on the Pine Log and Bondholder claims of the Bondholder Company. Lately the snow has been too deep to work on the other three claims of the company. On September 22 a cross-cut tunnel was started to tap the vein in the Bondholder, which it is expected will be reached 190 feet from the commencement. The tunnel is now in 180 feet. On the way in four very promising feeders were struck.

On the Pine Log a cross-cut was commenced on August 21, and on September 16 the vein was struck in 45 feet. At this point a shaft was sunk which is now down 85 feet, with a strong pay streak eight inches wide going 100 ounces in silver. A drift has been run from the mouth of the shaft to the south for 110 feet along a pay streak, which in places had pockets of solid galena and native silver. On the face of the drift the vein narrowed, but there is no fear of it not coming in again, as the outcrop on the surface overhead is very strong.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 28.—A resident of Eight street left his home on Christmas day and returned at night to find that burglars had entered and packed off everything of value, including nearly all the clothes belonging to the different members of the family.

The funeral of W. Arthur Jones took place on Sunday last under the auspices of Company 4, Fifth Regiment, and band. The obsequies were very impressive.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

F. Lewis Clarke and Charles Sweeny, of the Red Mountain mine, arrived from Spokane yesterday. They at once made a thorough inspection of the mine and the new compressor plant, and were so well pleased that they gave instructions for the immediate shipment of the ore now on the dump and the continuance of shipments to the Tacoma smelter.

The War Eagle loaded 14 cars of the Columbia & Western road Tuesday and 41 cars of the same road from Friday of last week up to Wednesday of this week. All of this goes to the Trail smelter and some of it is producing very rich matte. The highest grade matte in both copper and gold ever made at Trail has been produced in the last few weeks. The ore from the Le Roi and the War Eagle obtained from the lower levels is much better than that found in the upper workings.

Work has been started on the long tunnel to be run through the Gopher and the Homestake to make a connection with the working shaft of the Homestake. The new tunnel will run 800 feet on the Gopher and 400 feet on the Homestake. It will connect with the working shaft of the Homestake at a depth of 300 feet. The shaft is now down 90 feet. This shows that the people who have charge of the Gopher and Homestake mean to thoroughly develop these properties.

A movement is on foot for the building of a smelting plant very near Rossland, and the site most in favor is a flat piece of ground on the Maid of Erin claim on the south branch of Trail creek and a little above the junction between it and the north fork. The R. E. Lee, Maid of Erin, Gopher, Homestake, Hill Top, Palo Alto, Blue Bird, Alf, Mayflower, Red Eagle, Nest Egg, Sunset No. 2, Phoenix, Hattie Brown, Curlew, Lily May, Josie Mac, Hattie and Zilor, all under active development, would be within a mile of the smelter so located. The man at the head of this movement is one of the most successful smelter men in the country, that has made many tests of Trail creek ore. He promises to treat these ores, if the proposed smelter is built, at a cost not to exceed $7.50 per ton.

KASLO.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

The new engine and neatly appointed passenger coach for the Kaslo & Slocan railway have arrived. The engine is one of the heaviest used on a narrow guage road, will weigh with its tender 65 tons. It was manufactured at the Baldwin works in 1889.

A subscription list is being circulated to raise funds necessary to test the validity of the tax levies of 1894 and 1895.

A. Hespeler, reported to be most respectably connected in the East, is under arrest charged with obtaining money under false pretences. It is alleged by J. W. Cockle, of the Kaslo hotel that he uttered and had cashed a check on the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, never having had an account at that institution.

PLUMPER PASS.

GALIANO, Dec. 28.—One of the largest social gatherings held on Mayne Island took place at the closing exercises of the Mayne Island public school on Tuesday, when the children gave their usual vacation entertainment. The schoolroom presented a pretty appearance, but was totally inadequate to accommodate the large number of friends who attended. The proceedings, presided over by Mr. W. Fraser, consisted of dialogues, recitations, exercise and part songs, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The rounds of applause which greeted the pupils manifested the pleasure of the audience and their appreciation of the manner in which the children sustained their different characters. An Xmas tree laden down with presents was provided, Santa Claus again claiming the priviiege of distributing the gifts. Addresses were afterwards given by Mr. W. J. Wessell and R. G. Grey, who briefly referred to the great progress made by the scholars during the term just ended, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the teacher, Mr. J. W. Sinclair, whose interest in the welfare of the children has won for him his present popularity. The Cullison orchestra being in attendance a capital evening's enjoyment was afterwards indulged in by the older people, dancing forming the chief attraction.

CARIBOO.

(From the B.C. Mining Journal.)

A company has been formed to prospect the Canyon ravine, on Canadian creek.

Jack Wintrip is running a tunnel on Stout's Gulch, on the Newton claim. The ground he is in is paying about one-half an ounce per day per man.

On Willow river the company has sunk a bedrock shaft 200 feet deep, and is driving a tunnel through bedrock. It is expected they will have to drive 500 feet to reach the channel, of which 150 feet is completed.

The cinnabar mine at Savonas is in splendid shape. A tunnel in 150 feet is in ore grading 1 to 5 per cent. quicksilver. Rich streaks of ore are found all through. Twenty-three men are employed, and Manager Veatch expects to have the new furnace in operation by March. The outlook for the only cinnabar mine under the British flag is very satisfactory.

Mr. Salisbury, president of the Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, says that his company will begin in the early spring and build a line through from Ashcroft to Clinton, 150-Mile House, Soda Creek, Quesnelle, Stanley and Barkerville, with a branch line to Quesnelle Forks.

A line from one of the owners of the Maud hydraulic mine, says "the Maud is sold, $5,000 down on signature of paper and $95,000 cash within six months." This valuable property has been sold once before this season, but the deal was afterwards declared off. It is expected, however, this time it will go through.

The Discovery claim, up Valley creek, which was located last spring by J. Wendle and others, situated about one and a half miles from Barkerville and has been in operation ever since the company secured the ground. When the claim was located there was comparatively no water, but by economy they were enabled to make about $20 a day per man. The manager, Mr. Wendle, satisfied that he had a claim, started about making preparations to start a hydraulic plant. The company has made several miles of ditch and also laid 500 feet of flume to convey the water to the diggings. The bridge is so constructed as to give them 100 feet pressure. This company is composed of miners located here. Last summer they were offered somewhere in the nighborhood of $50,000 for the ground, which they refused.

D. Todd Lees, of Vancouver, passed through Ashcroft on Saturday from Lillooet, where he has been examining some mining properties for a Vancouver syndicate. He was very greatly impressed with the Cayoose creek section. At Wady-vale gulch, about four miles up Cayoose creek, where some rich float ore was found early in the year, several very promising claims have just been recorded. The rock gang is still busy blasting out some of the rocky bluffs on the Golden Cache road, and in several cases have exposed some splendid gold bearing ledges. In one claim, through which the road had been cut, a ledge about seven feet wide was exposed and the rock is rich in free gold. Some mill and building sites are liable to be a premium, as the mountains on both sides of the creek are very steep. It is expected that the Blackwater country, at present tributary to Lillooet, will have something to show in the spring. The ore bodies have been very large, and the ore carries gold, silver, and copper. Several prospecting parties are preparing to go to Blackwater and are in hopes of doing some development work during the winter. Bridge river is likely to show some astonishing results in quartz claims by next year.

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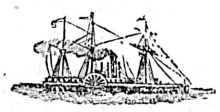

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COLONIES AND THE EMPIRE.

Early in the present month a brief cable report was published in the COLONIST of a meeting of the British Empire League, which was held in the Mansion House. On that occasion speeches were delivered, among other representatives of the colonies and dependencies, by Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Conservative opposition in Canada, and Hon. R. R. Dobell, a member of the present Liberal administration. The deliberations and deliverances of that important assemblage can in no sense be regarded as other than of the most serious import, involving as they did the consideration of the responsibilities, the obligations and the duties connected with the commerce of an immense empire and at the same time the peaceful or other relations of the peoples of the world, largely directed by the maintenance of the proud position occupied by Great Britain as the mistress of the seas.

The membership of the League, as such, knows no party politics, whether of Great Britain or the Colonies. Not only were speeches full of significance made among others on the part of those who represented Canada, but the Duke of Devonshire, the president of the League, set forth in eloquent and forcible terms the progress which had been made by the organization, and further explained how the Imperial Government was co-operating with the Colonies to provide for the adequate defence of the Empire.

"Defence, not defiance," was, it may be remarked, the keynote of the gathering, the object of all present, and all who sympathize with the movement, being the consolidation of British prowess and British institutions, as embodied in the Empire, and the intensification of the feeling that colonists as well as natives of the Islands are heirs of all the ages in the almost boundless march of time as concerns the progress, the greatness, the power and the influence for good of all that may be claimed to be British.

In much of this we notice that many of our neighbors to the South claim to be rightful participators, and this we do not grudge them, as our own glorious heritage is large enough and rich enough to permit them to take a full share. In their enjoyment of this, it is to be hoped that they will grow increasingly proud of the relationship and less disposed to carp and quibble over minor matters, at the same time being more appreciative of the honor and the responsibilities attaching to the connection.

Very naturally, the Duke of Devonshire concurred with the remark of Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, some months ago, that the question of Imperial unity must be approached from the commercial side, and this led him to refer to the Colonial conference held some time back at Ottawa. Speaking of this, His Lordship said that although the time might not be ripe for the discussion of either of the commercial proposals as to Imperial and Colonial trade that were made at that conference, it might be possible for the British and the Colonial mercantile communities to make suggestions of an informal character through the agency of such an association as this, which would pave the way for the formation of a better understanding, and it might be possible then to collect materials which would form the basis of discussion and another conference which might be held on the subject. His Lordship proceeded to say:

I have referred to the great moral effect which was produced by that conference as a visible symbol of the Empire—(cheers)—but in addition to that it had at least one immediate result of a practical character. The naval agreement which was entered into between this country and the Australian colonies and the colony of New Zealand was the outcome of that conference. By that agreement the colonies undertook to pay the interest on the cost of construction and a part of the cost of maintenance. of a considerable addition to our fleet to be maintained in Australasian waters for the protection of British and colonial commerce. (Cheers.) Those colonies had already undertaken considerable obligations of a naval and military character for their own defence, but this agreement was the first recognition which had ever been made by any of the colonies of the duty and interest of the colonies to contribute to the support of the Imperial navy.

It was further stated by the Duke, with respect to Imperial and Colonial defence, that the Colonial Defence Committee, composed of representatives of the Admiralty, the War Office and the Colonial Office, had made a complete study of the question of Colonial Defence, as it affects every colony of the British Empire, and this he went on to explain at some length, as appears in another column of this morning's paper. The importance of His Lordship's explanations, particularly in view of what is at present being done at Esquimalt and what there may be still in contemplation, will no doubt cause the report to be read with special and peculiar interest.

A NEW VIEW.

We have grown accustomed to hear of the Armenians as an oppressed, persecuted, down-trodden people. Our sympathies have been awakened by their sufferings, and our indignation stirred against the brutal rulers whose cruelty and ruthlessness have rendered their native land an abode of want and misery. We have, perhaps, become somewhat tired of listening to the sorrows of people whom we cannot help and who we have learned to think have no capability of helping themselves. We pity the Armenians, it is true, but at bottom the pity of many of us is, to some extent, mingled with contempt. That this estimate of the Armenians is a greatly mistaken one, an article by Emma Cons, in the December number of the Contemporary Review, on "The Armenian Exiles in Cyprus," shows very plainly. It it the writer gives an interesting description of a holiday trip to Cyprus, made by her and a friend last September. They went for the purpose of assisting in the establishment for widows and orphans at Cyprus, which had been undertaken by Mrs. Sheldon Ames. They were too early to help in this work, but their willing hands did not remain idle. They had gone by way of Constantinople in a French vessel, on board of which were one hundred and ten Armenians, mostly men, some of whom had obtained passports for Smyrna and others for Beyrout.

When they got to Smyrna sixty of the passengers landed, and were immediately arrested and imprisoned under the pretence that they had left behind in their houses treasonable papers, of which the authorities had obtained possession. The remaining passengers, dreading a similar fate, decided not to land at Beyrout, as they had intended, but to go to Larnaca, the principal town in Cyprus, where they would be safe under the protection of the British flag. The refugees first gained the good opinion of the writer, because in spite of their evident destitution, they did not ask the rich English ladies for money, though this is the invariable custom of the Turks and Arabs who are met with in this part of the world.

However, the ladies went to work immediately to help them in a way that would be acceptable to honest, independent men and women. One of their number, a young advocate, was set to work to draw up a list of their names, ages, and occupations before they landed. After they arrived at Larnaca, a town with a population of about eight thousand, he was employed to keep a similar record of all the refugees who were arriving in other ships. This work he at first refused to be paid for; but when his own money was gone, he accepted the ordinary wage of a laborer on the roads in that country, a shilling a day. The ladies then undertook to form committees of the principal inhabitants of the Island in order to set these people at the work for which they were best adapted. Some of the men were employed as gardeners. Two cooks and a barber started a cafe. The Mayor supplied work for the most destitute at the ordinary wages. One committee sent in a report as to what had been done for sixty-one of these immigrants. Among those supplied with work were one tobacco sorter, four coppersmiths, two silk weavers, one silk reeler, one carpenter, one blacksmith, two dressmakers, three block printers, porters and others without occupations. The report states that:

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It is hardly likely that among sixty people of any nation cast adrift in a strange town there would be found a larger proportion of skilled labor. The writer of the magazine article believes that the Armenians would have the same effect upon the industries of Cyprus as the Huguenots had, two centuries ago, on those of England, and thinks that the English Government ought to encourage their immigration into that island. The Armenians are good farmers, and a great part of the island has been allowed to become a desert for want of intelligent cultivation. That there is plenty of room in Cyprus for industrious and intelligent immigrants is shown by the fact that while it once had a population of three millions there are now in the island but 186,000 people. It will be interesting to learn the result of this practical attempt to relieve a small portion of Armenian distress.

BAD METHODS.

There has been a great deal of rejoicing among the Liberal party over the Cornwall election; but if the Toronto Mail's account of the manner in which the election was gained is correct, the victors have very little reason for self-gratulation. Prejudices are much more easily roused than allayed, and race and religious hatred is a two-edged sword that is as likely to wound the party who raises it as that against which its blows are directed. The Mail says:

One of his (Mr. Laurier's) agents from Montreal regaled the French-Canadians of Cornwall with the story that he is objected to by his opponents solely because he is a Frenchman. Another invented the falsehood that Sir John Thompson was denied his legitimate place in the councils of Canada, and was actually killed in Windsor Castle, because he was a Roman Catholic.

It is hard to believe that such methods were resorted to by the agents of one who has been looked upon by some as a sort of Bayard in politics. But the events of the past year have shown that Mr. Laurier has learned to use, not the instrument which he would have chosen, but that which lies most ready to his hand.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

AN experienced New York plumber in a letter to the Herald, of that city, makes a proposition for coping with the dangers of atmospheric infection in the large cities by providing for the combusion of the foul sewer gas. He says: "Why not annihilate sewer gas? Why not burn it up? Why not build stations equipped with furnaces and high chimneys, into which the gas would be drawn to be forced over the fires and consumed? This process of combustion would create a natural and constant draught toward the point of combustion." Then, the writer adds, the drainage system of dwellings would be properly ventilated by pure air drawn down through the ventilating pipes opening on roofs and out into the street sewer, driving before it the disease-breeding sewer gas to the purification-station.

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THE CITY.

THE pupils of Cedar Hill school had their annual Christmas entertainment a few evenings ago.

THE provincial legislature will, it is expected, meet for the dispatch of business on February 8.

THE choir of St. John's church are requested to meet for usual practice on Thursday evening instead of Friday this week.

THE Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock.

THE handsome silver cup which was awarded to British Columbia by the Spokane fruit fair has been received at the Department of Agriculture where it is to be seen for the present. It will be placed in possession of the Fruit Growers' Association.

AT a well attended meeting of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Co. yesterday morning, the agreement was confirmed transferring to the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Ltd.), of London, England, the property and assets of the first named company.

THE advance sale of seats for the brief engagement of the great Albani and her company opens this morning at Jamieson's, the prospects being that the Victoria house will fill as rapidly as did the Vancouver theatre for this sterling attraction. Many, in fact, applied for seats yesterday, but were refused until the formal opening of the sale.

THE following have been chosen to represent the Victoria Rugby F. C. against New Westminster on New Year's day at the Caledonia grounds: Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarters, C. Wilson, J. M. Miller (captain), C. Gamble and K. Scholefield; halves, A. T. Goward and B. W. Pinder; forwards, L. Crease, A. S. Crease, J. K. Macrae, W. R. G. Atkins, J. H. Austin, A. B. Spain, A. G. Langley and W. O'Brien. This is the first championship match of the season.

NO FRESH light has as yet been thrown upon the identity of the man calling himself Louis Ils, who committed suicide on Christmas eve. The conclusion of all who have inquired into the case is that there is some mystery in connection, but no one has felt it his especial business to attempt a solution. The city police, when it was suggested to them by undertaker Hanna that it would be advisable to photograph the dead man, agreed that such would be the proper course. The city would not stand the expense, however, they said, so no photograph has been taken. A postponement of the funeral was also necessitated yesterday, Rev. Canon Paddon, who has a standing arrangement with the city to officiate at the funerals of the friendless dead, declining to act in the case of a suicide.

THE award has been made in the arbitration which sat last week to determine the value of certain lots that were in March 1896, sold to Mr. B. E. Pemberton, of England, by Mr. J. A. Lawrence. The property, which consisted of six lots on Cowan avenue south of Rockland avenue, was sold by Mr. Lawrence for £660 to Mr. Pemberton. The purchaser being dissatisfied with the price it was agreed to have the matter settled amicably by arbitration. Mr. F. B. Pemberton sat as arbitrator for Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Charles Hayward for Mr. B. E. Pemberton; Mr. A. E. McPhillips attending as counsel for Mr. Pemberton, and Mr. L. P. Duff, instructed by Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, for Mr. Lawrence. The arbitrators have decided that the property is worth $1,450, and directed Mr. Lawrence to repay $1,762 and the costs of the award.

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THE Victoria Chess Club meet this evening to arrange the details for the international match on New Year's with San Francisco.

THE Y.W.C.T.U. have decided to withdraw their entertainment arranged to have been given in the Temperance hall to-morrow evening.

A PAPER on a Chinese calendar found at Dove Creek, Cassiar, in 1883 was read before the Natural History Society last night by Mr. James Deans.

MR. E. A. LEWIS who is retiring from the position of superintendent of the Metropolitan Sunday school, has been presented on behalf of the teachers and officers with a gold-headed cane as a token of their appreciation of his past services.

THE services in the various city churches on Sunday were largely attended both morning and evening, the special Christmas music being greatly enjoyed. Christmas anthems and carols appeal perhaps more strongly than any others to churchgoers, and few cared to miss the joyous services.

THE members of the Y.W.C.A. yesterday decided to assist the Y.M.C.A. at their reception on New Year's Day. Any person willing to help will greatly oblige by sending cake or sandwiches to the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. on Broad street on the morning of New Year's Day, and all ladies willing to take part in the reception will be cordially welcomed.

THROUGH the agency of the paragraph which appeared in the COLONIST some time ago as to the whereabouts of Col. Newton H. Chittenden and Mr. Isaac Cowie, the addresses of both these gentlemen have been sent to Mr. J. V. Anderson, deputy minister of Agriculture, and those gentlemen are now in possession of their World's Fair awards which were awaiting them at Ottawa.

THE closing exercises of the Kindergarten carried on by Mrs. McNaughton at the corner of Fernwood road and Yates street were held on Wednesday last. The little folks entered into the exercises with so much earnestness and zest that the elder people present caught the inspiration and remained interested spectators throughout. The house is being renovated and will be ready when the new term opens.

THE wines of France. The enormous value of the production of the vineyards of France is hardly realized by the world generally. The wealth of that great country is largely derived from viticulture and the success of this industry is no doubt due in a great measure to the very superior quality of the wines. No other country has yet produced good champagne, and among the various brands of this delicious wine probably none stands higher than the pure and perfect Dry Monopole of Messrs. Heidsieck & Co., Rheims. This wine may now be obtained in the Province from Messrs. Heidsieck's agents, Turner, Beeton & Co. x

SUNDAY morning's sermon in the handsomely decorated Metropolitan church was the last of Rev. Mr. Cleaver's morning series on the poetry, biography, history, doctrines, etc., of the Bible. The subject, a very appropriate one for Christmas, was "The Christ of the Bible." His antiquity, power, love, purity and patience were some of His attributes dwelt upon in a very interesting manner. The encouraging thought that He was also a forgiving Christ as well as an example for mankind to follow on the lines of love, purity and patience, formed the concluding remarks of the discourse. A congregation of fully 2,000 people greeted the pastor and choir in the evening. The music, consisting of choruses, solos, duets and quartettes, was exceedingly appropriate and excellently rendered by more than thirty members. "Bethlehem" was the subject for a twenty-five minutes' address, while about an hour was devoted to the song service. The advent of the Saviour, looked forward to by the parents of the race after expulsion from Eden; by Abraham when told to forsake his own country; and by the prophets Isaiah and Micah; afterwards the seeking out His birthplace by the shepherds on the first Christmas morn, and the wise men of the East under the guidance of the new and strange star in the heavens, were some of the points touched upon and geographically rendered.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

City Engineer Reports That His Recommendations Last Year Were Not Carried Out.

That Is the Reason He Gives for the Present Trouble at Lansdowne Road.

Last night's city council meeting was an uneventful one, with very little discussion, so that the business went along smoothly enough and was all disposed of by half-past nine.

From Mr. R. P. Rithet, M.P.P., an acknowledgment was received of the council's resolutions in favor of an Admiralty House. Mr. Rithet said he would be glad to do all that he could to help the project, and asked for some further information upon the subject. The Mayor will send the required information.

A. F. Barham and F. B. Pemberton both wrote complaining of obstructions on Beacon and St. Andrew's streets, and Mr. Barham mentioned in his letter that someone had poisoned his dog.

ALD. TIARKS suggested that the letters be referred to the police commissioners, but the Mayor did not think that was the proper course.

Some discussion arose as to whether the streets spoken of were city property or not. Finally the question was tabled to enable the aldermen to obtain the City Solicitor's opinion on the subject.

The following report from the City Engineer made somewhat interesting reading, as in effect it stated that when the Lansdowne road was repaired a year ago his suggestions as to how the work should be done were not carried out:

December 28, 1896.

GENTLEMEN—With regard to the subject-matter of a communication referred to in the report of the streets committee, calling attention to the dangerous state of the Lansdowne road, etc., I beg to enclose herewith my report of September 19, 1895, bearing on that subject, as follows: "In compliance with a resolution passed by the council on the 16th inst. to the effect that the city engineer be requested to furnish the council with a report as to what he considers the best method of dealing with the open watercourse on Lansdowne road, with an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work.

"I have the honor to report that I examined the site referred to, and, in my opinion, the best way to deal with the matter, having due regard to economy and efficiency, would be to plank over the watercourse, the planking to rest on caps 4 feet by 6 inches, extending across the top of the watercourse, supported by posts well sunk into the ground, leaving a width for the waterway of 5 feet 6 inches, the posts to be boarded up for a heighth of 3 feet from the bottom of the watercourse, and thus confine the channel and prevent the water from cutting away the earth from the sides. This would avert danger to public traffic at that place and prevent the water from cutting into the road. Estimated cost, $360.

The work as carried out under the direction of the then chairman of the streets committee, differed from that recommended in not having posts under the scantling laid across the water course. As a consequence, the platform is not sufficiently strong to safely support the weight of loaded teams which are liable to drive upon it when passing in opposite directions, on account of the narrowness of the road, and as the water has not been confined in a channel by boarding as suggested, it has in several places cut into the sides of the banks. As a temporary method to guard against accident, directions have been given to put in longer cross pieces where required, and erect a railing alongside, to prevent teams from going upon the platform.

(Sd.) E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

ALD. HUMPHREY said that last year when he as chairman of the street committee examined the place there was no signs of cutting, and it had never been intended to allow teams to go on the sidewalk.

ALD. MACMILLAN said the reason the whole of the Engineer's suggestions were not carried out last year was because there were not funds enough.

The report was referred to the streets committee to act.

Another report from the City Engineer recommended the replacing of the wooden box drain on Princess street with vitrified brick at a cost of $1,060; a so that a pipe drain replace the wooden box drain from Park road to the convent grounds.

As there are no funds available for the work, the report was laid on the table.

Another report was from the cemetery committee, recommending that instead of the present method of caring for the cemetery a better mode would be to employ three men in the summer months and two men for the rest of the year. This was referred to the cemetery committee to report.

A minority report, signed by Ald. Williams, was read, recommending that the Legislature be asked to have the Municipal Act amended so as to exempt militiamen from the revenue and school tax.

ALD. MARCHANT objected to this report, as the majority of the committee were preparing another report, and Ald. Williams' report was considered out of order.

After passing the resolution fixing on the police court room as the polling place for school trustee elections, the council adjourned.

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IN the absence of President Davies, Mr. Alex. Wilson occupied the chair at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital last evening. The salaries for the past month, amounting to $610.95, were ordered paid, and during the evening, which was taken up with informal discussion, the secretary, Mr. H. M. Yates, announced that the ladies of the Angernorian Society had reported to him having $678 for the hospital, but they had not determined on how it should be applied.

EVERY youngster has an ambition at Christmas time to catch a glimpse of that wonderful old fellow Santa Claus, but somehow he generally manages to slip down the chimney and escape without being caught. However, the children will have a chance to see him to-night at the grand Christmas entertainment at St. John's church, where poor old Santa Claus will be found in a plight over his wonderful Christmas chimney. Best of all, every brick will have inside it a present for the lucky youngsters in the audience. Granny Cringle's Christmas is the title of a delightful little play which follows, and no doubt the children will give their parents no peace unless they get tickets for this most attractive show to-night.

SEIGHERS Council, No. 85, Y.M.I., at a regular meeting last evening elected the following officers for the coming six months: President, W. H. Harris; first vice-president, C. J. Wilkes; second vice-president, L. Gray; permanent secretary, S. A. Bantly; financial secretary, M. Steele; corresponding secretary, J. Colbert; treasurer, J. Leonard; marshall, E. Geiger; inside sentinel, H. Sehl; and outside sentinel, C. Geiger. Rev. Father Nicolaye, H. J. O'Leary and A. H. B. Hall were appointed as an executive committee. The society is looking forward to Grand President Kavanaugh's visit here on the 6th of the coming month with considerable expectancy, and they have arranged for an open meeting on the evening of his arrival.

THERE was no deception in regard to the promised surprise to all attending the ball given by the Companions of the Forest in A.O.U.W. hall last evening. Surprise is only mildly expressing the bewilderment in which the dancers found themselves when, following an overhead explosion, light was exchanged for darkness in the hall, and flowers of all descriptions were showered upon all present so profusely and thickly that their source is still a mystery. All this happened as the big assemblage of young people were lined up for a march. Splendid music was enjoyed during the evening, which was supplied by an orchestra of seven pieces, under Mr. E. A. Wolff's management.. The programme included, besides "Baby," and other popular selections, one of Mr. Wolff's own compositions written especially for the occasion. This was for the opening dance and, to use the expression of one who kept step to it, "everyone was in love with it." The general committee of the ball were Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Trace, Mrs. Hawk, Mrs. Dudgeon, and Mrs. Lang, assisted by Mr. T. Smith, Mr. M. J. Trace, and Mr. W. Rennie. An elegant supper was served, while still another feature of the occasion that is worthy of mention was the decoration of the hall, with the season's greetings displayed conspicuously.

Work on the Williams Creek drain is being pushed by Foreman Woolcock. He predicts they will soon strike bedrock, having only about 600 feet to go.

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THREE small boys, Joseph Reynolds aged 13, Herbert Northcott aged 11 and Wm. Purdon aged 11, who were under the care of Rev. Father Durand, at Comox, ran away a few days ago and came to Victoria. Yesterday Detective Perdue and Provincial Constable O'Grady Beaven located the youngsters and turned Northcott and Purdon over to their relatives, who live here. Reynolds, who is an orphan, will be shipped back to Comox this morning on the City of Nanaimo.

THE officers for the ensuing term of Milton lodge, No. 311, Sons of St. George, were duly installed by D.D.G.W.P. Thomas Bradbury at their last meeting, and the auditing committee presented their report, which shows a large increase in finance and membership, the last twelve months being the most prosperous of the four years past. At the meeting yesterday evening the subordinate officers will be appointed and installed in their various offices. On New Year's Eve the sons and daughters of the order will hold their Christmas tea party and social gathering together with their families and a few invited friends, and hope to keep up their reputation of having a jolly party always to be remembered by those taking part in it, renewing old friendships and making many new acquaintances.

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GRAND FORKS, B. C.

The Remarkable Mines and Great Fertility of the Kettle River District.

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Mr. J. A. Manly, the father of the town of Grand Forks at the junction of the two forks of the Kettle river, a merchant as well as a miner, is registered at the Driard. Mr. Manly is vice-president of the famous Volcanic mine (now the Olive Mining Co.), and president of the Seattle Mining Co. To a representative of the COLONIST Mr. Manly gave some interesting particulars of the mines of the Kettle river country, although they are better known to the outside world under the general term of Bounday Creek mines. As a matter of fact the most valuable mines are situated on the North Fork of the Kettle river, twenty-five miles from Boundary Creek. The latter is west of the North Fork and has some very fine prospects. It was through the first discoveries being made on Boundary Creek that caused the whole region to be called the Boundary Creek country. The Seattle is one of the great mines of the district—and it has many. The ledge is 80 feet in width and averages 20 per cent. copper, $12 in gold and four ounces in silver. This mine is being developed, and so soon as railway transportation is available will be able to ship sixty tons per day. The Volcanic is the famous mine of the district on account of the mineral ore body which is 600 feet in width, and will average $12 per ton. Nature has done much towards developing this mine. The iron cap on the face of the mountain has slid off and exposed a great part of the ledge. It is simply a mountain of ore. This mine will only be productive when a railway is built to Grand Forks.

The Minnie is another mine of great promise. It is a recent discovery. The vein is 12 feet in width and averages $36 in gold and copper. The Pathfinder, the Winnipeg, the Stemwinder, the Emma, the Oro de Noro, the City of Paris, the Twins, the Lily K. and Gold Drop have all large ore bodies and are shipping propositions now. They only await the arrival of the iron horse to become producers. There are very many others which could be mentioned as excellent mines, for there are about six thousand locations within a radius of twenty-five miles of Grand Forks, commencing within the boundaries of the town itself. The ores all require treatment by a smelter, and the great need at present is railway connection with the outside world. The Spokane and Northern railway is now forty miles from Grand Forks, and it is understood to be Mr. Corbin's intention to build a line between Marcus and Grand Forks as soon as possible, and it is expected that the rails will be into the town by midsummer. Mr. Heinze's road is also heading in the same direction, and, if pushed, will reach the town in the course of the coming year.

Grand Forks is located at the western end of Mr. Manly's ranche, which he modestly describes as one of 4,000 acres. It is admirably situated at the junction of the two forks of the Kettle river, in a valley long known for its pleasant climate and beautiful park-like appearance. One year ago there were but three houses in Grand Forks, all belonging to Mr. Manly, and its population was comprised of himself and his employes. Now there are 250 buildings on the townsite, and a population of over 600, which are daily increasing in number.

Grand Forks is naturally the distributing centre for all the surrounding region, which takes in Greenwood, Copper Camp, White's camp, Brown's camp, Clark's camp, Evans' camp, Summit Camp, Wellington camp and others. Unfortunately for this side of the line, the valleys all lead south. There is an easy country from Grand Forks to Marcus over which to build a railway, and it is along this valley that the wagon road, the only present outlet runs. Much can be done by the Government to aid the early development of the mines, viz., the building of a traffic bridge over the Kettle River and the improvement of the wagon road to the boundary line. It is impossible at present to get in heavy mining machinery on account of the lack of the bridge and the bad state of the road. The expenditure on the road would not be useless when a railway is built to the town, for the valley is extremely fertile and a good wagon road will always be a necessity. Peaches, grapes, pears, apples and all classes of small fruits and vegetables are grown without irrigation and of the finest character. The valley is three miles in width and twenty miles in length, and when the district teems with a mining population it will also require a large farming community. Grand Forks will be the centre of all this activity and is sure to become the principal town of the region.

Mr. Manly was afraid to say all that might honestly be said with regard to the sure prospects and great capabilities of the district, but is certain that the coming year will see Grand Forks five times its size, and its mines the most sought after in British Columbia. If the coast towns are to receive the benefit from the growth of this portion of the interior better railway communication is absolutely necessary, and this can only be secured by the building of the proposed railway from the coast to the Columbia river. At present the natural outlet and market is to the south, and this will be accentuated by the building of Mr. Corbin's road. With direct railway communication with the coast this would all be changed, and the cities of the coast would be in a better position to supply the mining districts of southeast Yale and southwest Kootenay than Spokane.

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THE "ONWARD" CLAIM.

Practically Finished at the Commission's Sitting of Yesterday.

The evidence in the Onward case was practically finished at yesterday's sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission, the last part of the day being taken up with the hearing of witnesses on the Thornton claim. Charles Spring, in the Onward case, stated that the partnership between himself and Captain Alexander McLean was dissolved in December, 1886, each retaining his interest in the claims against the U. S. government. Among the other evidence submitted was that of Michael Harkin, cook of the Onward on her 1886 cruise, as to the provisions on board and as to the seizure by the Corwin.

At the afternoon sitting Hon. Mr. Dickinson, for the United States, said that his government were fully convinced of the good faith of the claim of the owners in the Onward case, and he would do little more than put in matter that would aid the commissioners in arriving at the proper rate of compensation to allow. He then presented the papers showing Capt. Alexander McLean's naturalization as a United States citizen, Hon. Mr. Peters formally objecting. Captain Raynor's evidence, valuing the Onward at $2,000 in 1886, was given, and the Thornton case was then resumed, Capt. Warren stating that he had bought a half interest in the vessel for $1,800 in 1864 and had her rebuilt in 1877 at a cost of $3,500; the steam auxiliary machinery being placed in her in 1881. His evidence was not finished when the commission adjourned.

There seems to be a probability of the commission finishing its sittings in Victoria by the middle of January at the present rate of progress.

FURS AND SKINS.

McMillan & Co.'s Latest Minneapolis Circular—Receipts of Furs Increasing.

In their circular dated Minneapolis, December 18, Messrs. McMillan & Co., exporters of furs, hides, wool, etc., say: The receipts of furs are increasing as the season advances. The market is dull for most kinds, because this season's business is over and the American manufacturers have not had much trade, consequently the bulk of the furs, as has been the case for several years, will have to be placed in Europe. Next week is the last week that shipping furs can be sent abroad to go into the January London sales, and we hope those of our shippers who have some on hand will send them along at once. This sale will govern the prices of furs in Europe, although not all kinds will be offered as they will be in the March sale. On account of the increased offerings, March prices may be lower than January, the same as they were last year. Most furs now being received are prime and grade No. 1. Furs caught in October and early November grade Nos. 2 and 3; those taken earlier No. 4. Mink are generally the best when trapped in December. Badger when caught early grade low and are about worthless; in fact, do not as a rule grade No. 1 until trapped after coming out of their dens in the spring. Muskrat caught in October grade as fall. Minnesota and Dakota fall rat run 30 to 40 per cent. kitts; Wisconsin rats, a less per cent.; but the per cent. decreases as the season advances. Prime furs are red or white on the flesh side; unprime, blue or black. The furs in poorest demand are badger, beaver, wild cat, lynx and wolf.

PATENT REPORT.

Below will be found the only complete weekly up to date record of patents granted to Canadian inventors, which is prepared specially for this paper by Messrs. Marion & Marion, solicitors of patents and experts; head office, Temple building, Montreal, from whom all information may be readily obtained:

No. 54,121—David Bradley, hook for harness.
No. 54,122—Charles Escher, skylight support.
No. 54,265—T. Potvin, car coupler.
No. 54,286—Mark T. Smith, mechanical movement.
No. 54,290—Georges Tyler, joint for the wooden fellies of vehicles wheels.
No. 54,292—Richard S. Caswell, lubricants for bicycle chains.
No. 54,295—James H. K. McCollum, automatic air pumps for pneumatic tyres.
No. 54,296—Isaac P. Patton, bicycle driving gear.
No. 54,299—The Diamond Machine & Tool Company, pedal and pedal barrels.
No. 54,301—John P. Browning, auxiliary links for bicycles drive chain.
No. 54,302—Edgar D. Misner, bicycle brakes.
No. 54,319—John W. F. G. Alde, life belts.
No. 54,320—William H. Johnston, compression grease cups.
No. 54,326—Francis N. Denison, short circuting dences for stopping dental motors.
No. 54,337—Reuben C. Eldridge, snap hooks.

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KENTUCKY LYNCHINGS.

Seven Men Either Shot or Strung Up Within a Week.

OWENBORO, Ky., Dec. 26.—Seven men in the last week have met death at the hands of mobs in Kentucky. Since last Saturday Henry Finley was called to his door and shot to death by a mob of masked men two days before the Proctors, three in number, were made the victims of a mob in Longan County. Two were hanged and the other was shot in his cell upon his resisting the mob. On Sunday night Jim Stone was lynched at Mayfield after a pledge guaranteeing his safety had been made by the citizens. Tuesday night Will Sutt, a negro boy, was shot to death at Mayfield.

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—local testimonials. x

No. 267.

BY-LAW

Respecting the Municipal Election for the City of Victoria for the year 1897.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The nomination of candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated the vote of the electors for candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court Room, in the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Alderman in any Ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot on the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the respective places following, that is to say:

For the North Ward—At Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward—At the building on the southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For the South Ward—At No. 27 Government Street (east side).

4. The provisions of the "Election By-law," passed the 3rd March, 1888, and the schedules thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-law, 1892," so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this by-law and the "Municipal Elections Act, 1896," shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said elections; Robert H. Johnston is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer at the said election for the office of Mayor; James H. Falconer is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the North Ward at the said election; William Burnes is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Central Ward at the said election, and Thomas J. Dearburg, is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the South Ward at the said election.

6. The "Municipal Election By-law, 1896," is hereby repealed.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By-law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 21st day of December, 1896.

Reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed the Council the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896.

[L.S] ROBERT BEAVEN, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B.C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
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MORTGAGE • SALE

Thursday, December 31st, 1896.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated 25th October, 1893, sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, December 31st, 1896, for the purchase of the following property situate on Victoria Arm, adjoining the residence of James Dunsmuir, Esq., viz:—

Lots 3, 4, 5, 9, to and 13, Block 8, and part of Block 19, Block C., Constance Cove Farm, (on Map 382,) and residence thereon.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For particulars apply to
THOMAS R. SMITH,
de24 Temple Building, Victoria.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
15th December, 1896.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command.
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 3rd day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.
2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.
3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.
4. During said vacation the office hours of the Offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."
5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." de18

Silver Band Mining Company, Limited, of Slocan.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, 6th January, 1897, at the office of the Company, No. 74 Wharf street Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Provisional Trustees, and appointing Trustees for the ensuing year, with other necessary business.

F. F. HEDGES,
Secretary-Treasurer
Victoria, 21st December, 1896. de22

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.
SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

MATERNITY HOME for married ladies, 199 Johnson street. Applicants please apply at the Home, or to Mrs. Higgins, Cadboro Bay road, or Mrs. Flumerfelt, Pemberton road.

NOTICES.

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897 at the same hour and place.

By order.
W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.
F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m., at my auction room, Dunn Hall Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 196, Group 1, New Westminster District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. del5 td

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no28-1w H. E. FORSTER.

Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. de18

NOTICE.

Belleville Street, between McClure Street and Birdcage Walk, is closed to public traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
an3 City Engineer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8-6t Official Administrator.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The Kingdom Will Take Immediate Steps to Negotiate a Trade Treaty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Madrid special to the World says:

It is believed in diplomatic circles that Spain will take advantage of the disposition of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney to negotiate quickly and directly with the United States to secure American neutrality by granting discriminating concessions in the contemplated Cuban tariff and fair promises of colonial autonomy before the accession o McKinley.

It is rumored that General Weyler has delayed fresh operations against the insurgents in order to give time to discover the disposition of the bands and their chiefs since the death of Maceo, with a view to feeling his way to preparing the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the last insurrections in Spain and Cuba, where money and unofficial negotiations proved more telling arguments than force of arms, as soon as the insurgents saw no more hope of foreign aid.

One of the principal reasons of the Spanish government for insisting upon Gen. Weyler making a decisive attempt to clear the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas within a few weeks is the urgent necessity for scoring a military success before Spain has once more to appeal to the native and foreign markets for fresh loans when she shall have exhausted the money obtained by the recent interior loan, which will be in March of next year.

At present the minister of the colonies disposes of this cash and Cuban bonds of the value of about $50,000,000 only out of the proceeds of that loan. The expenses of the war in Cuba are $12,000,000 monthly, and in the Philippines at least $4,000,000. Up to the present time the Spanish treasury has assisted the Cuban treasury by guaranteeing advances made by foreign and native bankers upon Cuban bonds, and by pledging the sources of imperial revenue for the recent $80,000,000 loan. The moment is fast approaching when the Spanish parliament and the Spanish taxpayers must be asked to provide in the shape of additional taxation $26,000,000 annually for the interest and the sinking fund of $250,000,000 thus raised, to meet only in part the expense of the Cuban war up to March, 1897, which the Cuban budget and the Cuban taxpayers could not possibly undertake to pay, even if the war were soon terminated, considering that their budgets showed deficits averaging $5,000,000 annually before the present insurrection.

THE HAWAIIAN QUESTION.

What Right Have a Handful of Americans to Ascendancy?

(From the N. Y. Times.)

The Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs, now visiting this country, is reported as representing the Hawaiian government to be in fear of what the Japanese may do, and anxious for annexation to the United States on that account. The Japanese, Minister Cooper says, "outnumber all other foreigners" in Hawaii, the Americans being a "handful in comparison," and they "are beginning to chafe for the right to vote." If they get it "American ascendancy will be at an end forever." Regarding Hawaii as an independent nation, why has a numerous body of "foreigners" any less right to power than a "handful" of other foreigners? If it is a republic, why should not foreigners from Japan chafe for the same rights that are allowed to foreigners from the United States?

What special right has a "handful" of Americans to "ascendancy" in a land of freedom, any way? If it is not a land of freedom, if it is not a republic, if the majority is not fit to rule, if its larger "foreign elements" are undesirable for citizenship, and if it has to be governed by some kind of a handful of superior persons, why should we annex it to our system, which is founded upon the "consent of the governed" and the right of the majority to rule? Every advocate of Hawaiian annexation seems destined to have the arguments he presents in its favor turn upon his very lips into arguments against it. He presents reasons why Hawaii is utterly unfit to become a part of the United States. We do not want such a possession.

IGNORANCE IN RUSSIA.

A Scheme of Popular Education Needed for the Glory and Good of the Empire.

The ignorance of the Russian nation is very forcibly shown in the following paragraph from the New York Commercial Advertiser.

"The condition of the people of the Russian empire, in point of intelligence, or the most rudimentary sort of attainment in letters or in education, is indicated in the fact that of the men last year drawn for army service, more than 200,000 could neither read nor write. Not one in five of the teeming population of that mighty realm has the acquirements of the ordinary child of even less than ten years in an American school—or, as matter of fact, in an English or French or German school.

"Two Czars of Russia in the past have made themselves names imperishable—Peter the Great, who, in the exercise of a personal enterprise the world has ever delighted in telling of, introduced the elementary principles of civilization into his dominions, and Alexander, who freed the serfs. The Czar who shall devise and render practically effectual a scheme of popular education will do more for the glory and good of Russia and for the progress of the world than any predecessor of his. Let the Russian people as a people become educated, and absolutism in government over them, with its show of tremendous sovereignty, would decay and perish, but the nation would grow irresistible in might, the throne or crown or whatever stands for authority and supremacy having real power, and not as now, sham power brutally but also precariously held.

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SATAN'S SIGNATURE.

Heated Controversy in Germany Over a Document Alleged to Be in Rome.

(From the New York Herald.)

The assertion has been made that there exists in the Free Masons' lodge in Rome a document which bears the signature of the devil. The question now arises, Can the devil write? This interrogation is considered in ecclesiastical circles of so much importance that two German papers—the Pelikan, published in Feldberg, and edited by Dr. Kunzle, and the Volkszeitung, of Cologne—have been engaged in a heated controversy on the subject for some time.

This controversy was provoked by the publication of a tract called "The Secrets of Hell," written by a pious woman, Miss Diana Vaughan. Its author gives an account of a conference that took place on the night of October 18, 1883, between the devil and Signor Crispi, who afterwards became Premier in the government of the Kingdom of Italy. It was held in the Free Masons' lodge in Rome, of which Crispi is a member, and the interest of it lay in the circumstance that the devil predicted that within a year from the time of the interview a certain woman, whom he named, would give birth to a child, destined to become the grandmother of a boy, who would serve as the most powerful of his earthly allies. In testimony of the truth of this prediction a document was drawn up at the end of which the devil wrote his title, "Sanctus Daemon, Primarius Praeses," which may be translated as "First Presiding Sacred Devil." He did not write in words, but in symbolical signs, such as a rooster, a three pronged fire fork, a pair of horns and a caudal appendage, using for that purpose a pen which lay in the lodge room. Other Free Masons besides Signor Crispi kept an eye on him while he was engaged in writing, or rather drawing. The news of this affair leaked out, and it came into the possession of Miss Vaughan, the author of the tract on the subject.

Now Dr. Kunzle, of the Pelikan, contends for the genuineness of the signature, appeals to tradition in support of his opinion, and fortifies his appeal with arguments drawn from theologians of distinction. Among the many prominent men supporting him in his opinion may be named the aristocratic Prince Zu Lowenstein. The Volkszeitung, on the contrary, refuses to give credence to the story. It holds that "only superstitious people could believe in the authenticity of the devil's signature or in the report of his interview with Signor Crispi, the Free Mason." While the Volkszeitung affirms that it is certain that a man like Crispi might hold interviews with Satan, sometimes known in the Tyrol as "Vitru," it rejects the testimony offered as proof of Vitru's appearance in the lodge at Rome. "How could Vitru know," it questions, "that the woman Sappho would give birth to the grandmother of the chief one of his earthly allies?"

Can the devil write? How few of us have ever given the subject a thought, and how perfectly natural the quick rejoinder is: "Why, of course he cannot!" And yet why should he not? That is, provided we admit the existence of a devil, of a fallen angel, of a prince of darkness! If we believe the story of Lucifer's disobedience and consequent banishment from heaven into the eternal fires of hell, we practically admit the existence of the devil! If we read the story literally or even look upon it as a myth, we must admit the superiority, the nobility and grandeur of the archangel Lucifer, as God created him as he was before his fall, and even to-day he is a formidable opponent of the Creator! We cannot close our eyes to that fact! Our ministers warn us against him, prayers are offered up for strength to withstand him, the Salvation Army, that powerful organization which has grown up in our midst, and which has stubbornly forced us to admit the good it does and admire while we may not approve of its methods, has for its principal aim the conquest of the devil.

TROUBLED SOUTH AFRICA.

Bechuanaland Rebels Mobilized by Whites and More Trouble Feared.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the rebels, led by whites belonging to the Cape Town volunteers, have mobilized the burghers, and the disturbed districts are now under arms. Replying to a telegram from Gordon Sprigg, premier of Cape Colony, regarding the advisability of despatching the volunteers to the Bechuana border, the Transvaal government has wired expressing the hope that measures will be taken to prevent the violation of the Transvaal boundary, which is now being guarded on the Transvaal side. This despatch from the Transvaal government adds that this is done for the purpose of preventing misunderstanding.

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ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 27, 1896.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	38·	Mean 43·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	41·		
9 a.m..	45.	Highest 50	5 a.m.—6 N.W.
1 p.m..	48·		1 p.m.—15 E.
5 p.m..	46·	Lowest 36·	9 p.m.—4 N.W.
9 p.m..	43·		Rain —0.4.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
No Sun.
Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed ..... 29.565 {Reduced 29.546

ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 28, 1896.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	44·	Mean 43	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	45·		
a.m..	44·	Highest 46·	5 a.m.—8 S.
1 p.m.	46·		1 p.m.—8 S.W.
5 p.m..	41·	Lowest 35·	9 p.m.—4 N.W.
9 p.m..	35		Rain—.00.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Sunshine—1 hr.
Barometer 9 a. m.... {Observed .... 29,885 {Reduced..... 29.863

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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BIRTHS.

TIARKS—On December 28th, 1896, at "Kelston Wood," Gorge Road, Victoria, British Columbia, the wife of John Gerhard Tiarks, of a son.

PORTER—In this city on the 28th inst., the wife of Walter Harris Porter (of the Occidental hotel), of a daughter.

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PERSONAL.

Fred. J. Claxton has left on a business trip to the East.

E. W. Murphy and wife, of Portland, are registered at the Driard.

W. A. Young, wife and son, of Nanaimo, are guests at the Driard.

Geo. McL. Brown, D. P. A. of the C.P.R., Vancouver, is visiting the city. J. B. Libby, manager of the Puget Sound Tugboat Co., is registered at the Driard.

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A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

The "Walla Walla" Sails Before the Incoming 'Frisco Steamer Arrives—More Charters.

Not for years until last evening has a San Francisco mail boat left port before one has arrived from the Golden Gate. The new departure from the schedule is due to the Mexico having left San Francisco a day late, owing to the regular sailing date falling on Christmas Day. The steamer in consequence did not arrive until late last evening, while in the meantime the Walla Walla, which sailed last evening, will be voyaging South. She received as saloon passengers from Victoria: F. R. Perry, Mrs. E. Elliot, Miss E. Elliot, E. B. Ladner, Thos. E. Ladner, Geo. Obenaur and wife, Miss D. Browning, G. J. Snow and wife, Mrs. M. E. Sim and child, Mrs. C. Crossier, Miss M. Crossier, L. H. McKay, and C. Crossier.

Tug Hope came in on Sunday with a boom of logs from Cowichan. In going to the upper harbor she had a little trouble in taking the piles under the railroad bridge. Through a strong tide running the logs caught in the piles of the bridge, and for some time remained inextricable. The Hope leaves port again early this morning with a bridge intended to replace one of those recently washed away in Sooke.

This morning the O. R. & N. steamship Monmouthshire will leave for sea from Comox. She left this port on Sunday morning after loading 260 tons of cargo here. Her next place of call will be Honolulu. There, lime, the bulkiest of her Victoria freight, will be discharged, the vessel afterwards proceeding to Japan, for which country she has a very heavy freight from Portland.

Tug Sea Lion arrived in the Royal Roads yesterday with two vessels in tow, one of which is supposed to be the Kate Thomas.

Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., have chartered the bark Verbena, which is now at Port Townsend, to load at Moodyville.

Tug Lorne is on Bullen's ways having repairs made to her stem, which was damaged some time ago.

The bark Province, which is on her way to British Columbia, is reported to have been chartered.

ENTERED—DEC. 27.

Str. Islander..... ....from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston, " Port Townsend.
" Astoria..... " " "
" Monmouthshire.. " Portland.
" Hope ..... " Cowichan.

DECEMBER 28.

Str. Rosalie.....from Port Townsend.
" Walla Walla..... " " "
" Tacoma..... " " "
Bk. Dorenby Hall.... " Montevideo.

CLEARED—DEC. 27.

Str. City of Kingston, for Port Townsend.

DECEMBER 28.

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" Walla Walla..... " " "
" Astoria ..... " " "
" Tacoma..... " " "
" Monmouthshire . " Comox.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

GOLF.

MONTHLY HANDICAP.

The scores of the fourth monthly medal competition on Saturday were as follows:

LADIES.

1. Mrs. Combe.....	scratch		57*
2. Mrs. Marquis.....	81	18	63
3. Miss Beaven.....	82	18	64
4. Mrs. Martin.....	86	16	70
5. Miss Pooley.....	81	10	71
6. Miss Harvey.....	87	15	72
7. Mrs. Burton.....	93	20	73
8. Mrs. Snowden.....	91	20	71
9. Miss Crease.....	106	20	86

*Winner of medal.

The scores of the gentlemen players are as follows:

"A" CLASS.

1. H. Combe.....	88	2	86*
2. W. A. Ward.....	97	7	90
3. D. M. Irvine.....	98	7	91
4. H. B. Rogers.....	110	16	94
5. C. C. Worsfold.....	100	4	96
6. A. P. Luxton.....	109	12	97
7. Capt. Richardson.....	115	7	108

W. E. Olives, R. W. Dunsmuir and C. J. Prior returned no scores.
*Winner of medal.

"B" CLASS.

1. G. V. Cuppage.....	111	7	104*
2. W. F. Burton.....	121	7	113
3. Major A. W. Jones.....	117	5	117
4. C. M. Roberts.....	141	3	137

G. H. Barnard, W. C. Beaven and W. H. Langley returned no scores.
*Winner of medal.

HERE AND THERE.

GENERAL GOSSIP OF ALL SPORTS.

The Y.M.C.A. Football Club will hold a practice game on Beacon Hill this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

MUST LEARN ENGLISH.

Li Hung Chang's First Move Towards Improving His Countrymen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—According to news received here from unofficial sources, Li Hung Chang's visit to England and the United States has already borne fruit in the decision of the Chinese government to gradually Anglicize the Chinese people at least as far as their language is concerned. The Pekin government recently issued instructions to various viceroys and governors of provinces of the empire to establish schools for the teaching of the English language and foreign sciences in all the principal cities of the country. According to the wording of one clause in the general instructions, the reason for this is that China, in order to keep herself on terms of equality and in touch with the great powers of Europe, must educate the masses and encourage foreign learning among her people, together with that love of country and home, and that devoted patriotism so conspicuously ingrained in the hearts of those who have studied such languages and sciences.

Rattan chairs with nicely upholstered seats and many novelties in the popular Reed furniture at Weiler Bros. x

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Tariff Inquiries Proceeding at Washington—U. S. Officials Said to Be Interested in Filibustering.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The hearings which the ways and means committee of the house will give to the representatives of various industries interested in the preparation of the new tariff bill began in the room of the committee at the Capitol to-day, and will continue daily until January 11. Much interest was manifested, and the room was constantly thronged with delegations and representatives of the various trades. Owing to the brief time allowed for hearings and the desire of the committee to avoid unnecessary repetitions, many of those who appeared filed their briefs and made no oral arguments. The schedules upon which hearings were accorded to-day were those relating to chemicals and spirits and wines. Almost without exception all who appeared asked for an increase of duties on the particular industry in which they were interested. Almost all of those who appeared in behalf of changes in the chemical schedule urged a change from ad valorem to specific duties.

No information has been received at either the treasury department or the department of justice respecting the suspected filibusterer Three Friends, except the announcement of her seizure, nor have any special instructions been given to the local officials as to the legal course to be pursued. There is no doubt that the officials are not entirely satisfied with the way the business of preventing filibustering expeditions leaving American ports has been conducted, and it is believed that Assistant Secretary Wike, who is in Florida, will make it his business to investigate the whole matter. It is known that the Spanish representative here has made repeated complaints at the State department that some of the Government officers in Forida have money interests in some of the steamers engaged in violating the neutrality laws by carrying expeditions to Cuba. These complaints have been forwarded to the chief custom officers in Florida, and while the reports admit the fact of subordinates or members of their families having interests in some of the well known filibusterers, it is claimed that the fact is not having, and has not had any influence upon the official acts of the subordinate officials. Whether the subordinates owning interests in these vessels will be required to resign, is not known, but if it is made to appear that any one of them is under reasonable suspicion, prompt action will be taken.

UNDER THE BAN.

"L'Electeur," Mr. Pacaud's Paper, Condemned by the Bishops.

QUEBEC, Dec. 28.—Le Soleil, the new French-Canadian Liberal paper which has taken the place of L'Electeur which has been placed under the ban, came out this morning. It was sent to all the subscribers of L'Electeur under another name. This shows the plan of campaign which the Catholic Liberals intend to inaugurate against the hierarchy. Should the bishop excommunicate LeSoleil they will drop that and immediately start another paper.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—The book recently published by L. O. David, a firm friend of Premier and city clerk of Montreal, on "The Canadian Clergy and Their Work," has, it is learned, been condemned by the papal court at Rome, to whom he submitted it as a protest against the adverse criticisms made by the Bishop of Chicoutimi and other Quebec prelates. The condemnation passed by the papal court will be read in the churches on Sunday next.

La Patrie publishes an article, written on a sick bed by its proprietor, Honore Beaugrand, headed "They Strike Pacaud, but Laurier is aimed at."

THEIR WORK ENDED.

The United States Apparently Ready to Drop the Venezuelan Boundary Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was given out from the state department that the incident of the Venezuelan boundary dispute is considered closed as far as the United States is concerned, and all further negotiations for its adjudication lie with the two parties in the controversy, Venezuela and Great Britain. With acceptance by the Venezuelan executive three weeks ago of the heads for the proposed treaty of arbitration, as signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Mr. Olney on November 12, the friendly intervention of the United States had been completed and the only additional acts of the United States in the matter will be the publication of the evidence and reports it collected by the Venezuelan high commission, and the eventual reference to the U. S. supreme court of the concurrent request of the two countries for the appointment of two jurists as members of the tribunal, as provided by the treaty. As the Venezulan congress, which must pass upon this treaty, has been called to meet on February 1, instead of waiting until its constitutional meeting day, February 20, it is presumed that Minister Andrade and the British Ambassador will complete the details of the convention directly, so that it may reach Caracas within a month. Such a negotiation it is thought will be devoid of any great importance, as the main issue has already been disposed of.

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REFORMS IN CUBA.

Negotiations Practically Concluded Between Spain and the United States—To Be Submitted to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Post will say to-morrow: "It has been learned from an authoritative source that Secretary Olney and Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, have practically terminated negotiations on the Cuban question, and the conclusions are to be submitted to congress when it convenes on January 5. The terms of the agreement are based on recent official communications from Premier Canovas addressed to the Secretary of State. The premier states clearly the terms which Spain will accord to the insurgents, and practically asks the United States to propose these conditions to her rebellious subjects. Premier Canovas says that Spain cannot, of course, stand before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all that she now offers, and that in face of rebellion, but she accepts the good offices of the United States as mediator, and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law, which she is about to proclaim in Cuba. The form of government offered is, the Spanish statesmen declare, the limits of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation without absolutely severing the bonds of union with the mother country. Autonomy as enjoyed by Canadians can never be granted in Cuba."

BIG STRIKE AT ROSSLAND.

The City of Spokane Mine the Location—Meeting of Squatters.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 28.—(Special)—A big strike is reported to-night in the City of Spokane mine. This belongs to Horne-Payne's syndicate, the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Co. The mine was bought by them last May for $47,500, and upwards of $50,000 have since been spent in equipping and developing the property.

Squatters on the lands of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway and the adjoining townsite held a meeting on Sunday evening in the hall of the International hotel to take steps to ascertain who really owns the ground. A committee was appointed to look into the matter of title and report.

A strike of some importance is reported in the tunnel of the Novelty. The ore is of the same character as is found in the Giant which adjoins.

BOLD ROBBERY.

A Chicago Saloon Entered by Masked Men and Plundered.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Three masked men, armed with revolvers, entered the saloon of Mrs. Mary Barnhardt, No. 131 West Twelfth street., at 11 o'clock last night, and robbed the place of $450. Mrs. Barnhardt, when the men came in, was sitting with two patrons of the place at a table playing dominoes. One of the men walked over to where the two customers were playing and threatened to kill them if they moved. Another pointed a revolver at Mrs. Barnhardt and demanded her money. The third man walked behind the bar and helped himself to the contents of the cash drawer. After getting the money the robbers fled.

THROUGH THE CASCADES.

Contract Let to Build the Approaches to the Great Northern Tunnel.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—H. C. Henry, the millionaire contractor, has secured a contract to build the approaches to the Great Northern railroad tunnel through the Cascade mountains. It will take six months to do the work and then everything will be ready to commence work on the track, which, it is said, will be one of the greatest engineering feats in history. The tunnel will be two and a half miles long.

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UNITED FOR PROTECTION.

U. S. Lumbermen to Appear Before the Ways and Means Committee at Washington—Their Demands.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—President C. W. Goodyear, of the Cincinnati Lumber Tariff Convention, is now on his way to Washington, where, with representatives of the lumber trade from all parts of the United States, he will appear before the ways and means committee Wednesday or Thursday, and urge that a tax be placed on Canadian lumber. In an interview, Mr. Goodyear said to-day: "There is need of more revenue, and as there is to be some tariff raising to obtain it, we are going to ask for some protection from foreign lumber with incidental revenue, or for a tariff for revenue with incidental protection."

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28. — Representatives of the lumber interests of the Northwest met on Saturday at the West hotel in conference with Congressman Towney, of the ways and means committee; Congressman Fletcher and Congressman-elect Morris, of the Sixth district, over the duty on lumber, which is to be made a part of the new tariff bill. In general, it seemed that a tax of $2 on rough lumber was favored.

The meeting was attended by the officers and directors of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association in a body, in addition to a number of local lumbermen.

S. T. McKnight and T. B. Walker, of this city, will attend the hearing of the ways and means committee in Washington, which Congressman Tawney announced for December 31, as representative of lumber interests of the Northwest.

The lumbermen propose an aggressive campaign to secure protection for their business and, after making Congressman Tawney thoroughly familiar with the need of such legislation, demonstrated to him that they will make a strong fight before the committee for what they are after.

In working for legislation the lumber interests have never been so unitedly together as they are in the present case.

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